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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Robert Ellis Atherton on  
4 the occasion of his retirement from the Illinois State Police  
5 on June 30, 2016; and

6           WHEREAS, Robert Atherton earned his Associate in Applied  
7 Science in 1986 and his Bachelor of Science in 1998; he  
8 graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National  
9 Academy in 2007; and

10           WHEREAS, Robert Atherton worked for the City of Polo Police  
11 Department from 1988 to 1990; in 1990, he graduated from  
12 Illinois State Police Cadet Class 88 and joined the Illinois  
13 State Police, where he was assigned to District 7 (Rock  
14 Island); he was promoted to District 7 Sergeant in 1997, to  
15 District 7 Master Sergeant in 2000, and to District 7  
16 Lieutenant in 2006; he held interim District Commander  
17 positions in District 7, 16, and 17 from 2008 to 2013; he was  
18 promoted to District 7 and 17 Captain in 2013; he was appointed  
19 to Major of Region II Commander in 2015; and

20           WHEREAS, Robert Atherton has been involved with numerous  
21 organizations, including the Hampton Elementary School Board  
22 (Past President, Vice-President, and Member), the Illinois

1 State Police Command Council (Past Chairman, Treasurer, and  
2 Region Representative), the Quad City Council of Police Chiefs  
3 (Past Member, Secretary/Treasurer), FBI National Academy  
4 Associates, Illinois Winter Special Olympics (Volunteer), and  
5 Hampton Elementary Sports (Volunteer, Coach); and

6 WHEREAS, Robert Atherton was named the Sauk Valley  
7 Community College 2014 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year; he  
8 received National Veterans Awareness Ride Recognition in 2010,  
9 2012, and 2014; he received the Illini Hospital Outstanding  
10 Community Service Award in 2001; and

11 WHEREAS, Robert Atherton has been married to Rebecca for 25  
12 years and they have one daughter, Karina; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15 congratulate Robert Ellis Atherton on his retirement from the  
16 Illinois State Police and we wish him the best in all his  
17 future endeavors; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to Robert Atherton as an expression of our esteem and  
20 respect.